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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6247

BILL NUMBER: SB 70

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 27, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: County Option Surcharges on State Park Fees.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Nugent

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill allows a county containing a state park, forest, game preserve, recreation area, or reservoir to impose a surcharge on fees collected within the park or other entity. It requires that proceeds of the surcharge be used to assist the local unit of government that provides police protection, fire protection, emergency medical services, or road repairs to the park or other entity. The bill also provides that the surcharge may not be collected on property that is owned by the United States Army Corps of Engineers unless the surcharge is approved by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) collects approximately \$11.8 M annually in fees as defined in the proposal (not including Army Corp of Engineer's property). If those DNR properties were subject to the surcharge, the Department would collect an additional \$589,000, or 5% of the \$11.8 M, to distribute to local units. An additional \$241,000, or 5% of \$4.9M, would be collected if the United States Army Corps of Engineers approved of the surcharge on their property. The 5% increase could reduce current fees collected by the Department if customers are unwilling to pay the increased fees. The Department would also report and pay the surcharge to the county treasurer. This provision will increase administrative expenditures for the Department by an indeterminable amount.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: Counties containing DNR properties would be eligible to assess a 5%

surcharge on fees collected by the DNR. If the DNR properties were subject to the surcharge, local units would receive an estimated \$589,000 annually, assuming current fee collection rates. The surcharge must be used to assist the local unit of government that provides police protection, fire protection, emergency medical services, or road repairs to the park.

State Agencies Affected: Department of Natural Resources.

Local Agencies Affected: Local units of government that provide police protection, fire protection, emergency medical services, or road repairs to DNR properties.

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